

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 02 2019

RE: S.R. No. 78
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2019
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,
to which was referred S.R. No. 78 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION DESIGNATING FEBRUARY OF EACH YEAR AS LIVER
AND BILE DUCT CANCER AWARENESS MONTH IN THE STATE OF HAWAII,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to designate
February of each year as Liver and Bile Duct Cancer Awareness
Month in Hawaii.

Your Committee did not receive any testimony on this measure.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii has the highest death rate
of liver and bile duct cancer in the nation, with 184 new liver
cancer and bile duct cancer cases diagnosed in Hawaii every year,
which is a 33 percent higher incidence of liver and bile duct
cancer than the national statistical norm. Currently, over 1,000
people in Hawaii are fighting liver cancer and bile duct cancer,
both of which are almost always fatal.

Your Committee further finds that research indicates that
liver flukes and aflatoxins may cause liver and bile duct cancer.
Liver flukes, a type of parasitic flatworm found in freshwater
fish, shellfish, cattle, and vegetables grown in fresh water, such
as watercress, have been previously found in Hawaii. Aflatoxins
are produced by a fungus abundant in warm and humid climates like



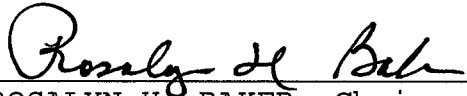
Hawaii that grows on foods such as rice, grains, and nuts that are stored improperly or for long periods of time.

Your Committee finds that there is little public awareness and education around liver and bile duct cancer and the relationship and risks that Hawaii's local diet and environment present to increasing the risk of contracting these diseases. Raising awareness through a Liver and Bile Duct Cancer Awareness Month may encourage individuals to discuss liver and bile duct cancer risks and prevention with their health care providers.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 78, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.R. No. 78, S.D. 1.


Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Commerce, Consumer
Protection, and Health,


ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">SR 78</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">CPH</div>	Date: <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">3/21/19</div>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312</div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311</div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310</div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313</div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	✓			
CHANG, Stanley (VC)	✓			
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett				✓
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	✓			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	✓			
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
TOTAL	6			1
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 10px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.5em; margin-top: 10px;">  </div>				
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